

HIS MAJESTIES  
GRACIOUS  
MESSAGE

To both Houses of Parliament, sent  
from Nottingham the 25. of  
August, 1642.

TOGETHER  
*With the Answer of the Lords and Com-  
mons to the said Message :*

AND  
HIS MAJESTIES REPLY  
to the same. Sept. 2.



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*Nottingham 25 August, 1642.*

By the Earles of *Sauthampton* and *Dorset*, *Sir Iohn*  
*Culpeper* Knight, Chancellour of the Ex-  
chequer, and *Sir William Uvedall*,  
K N I G H T.

**W**E have with unspeak-  
able grief of heart  
long beheld the distra-  
ctions of this Our  
Kingdom; Our very  
soul is full of anguish  
untill we may finde  
some remedy to prevent the Miseries  
which are ready to overwhelm this  
whole Nation by a civill War: And  
though all Our endeavours tending  
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to the Composing of those unhappy differences betwixt Us and Our two Houses of Parliament (though pursued by Us with all Zeal and Sincerity) have bin hitherto without that Success we hoped for; yet such is Our constant and earnest care to preserve the publike Peace, that we shall not be discouraged from using any Expedient, Which by the blessing of the God of Mercy may lay a firm foundation of Peace and happinesse to all Our good Subjects: To this end observing that many Mistakes have arisen by the Messages, Petitions and Answers betwixt Us and Our two Houses of Parliament, Which happily may be prevented by some other way of Treatie, wherein the Matters in difference may be more cleerly understood, and more freely transacted; we have thought fit to propound to you, That some fit persons may be by you imabled to treat with the like number to be authorized by Us, in such a manner, and with such

such freedom of Debate, as may best tend to that happy Conclusion which all good men desire, The Peace of the Kingdom: Wherein as we promise in the Word of a King all safety and encouragement to such as shall be sent to Us, if you shall choose the place where we are for the Treaty, which we wholly leave to you, presuming of your like care of the safety of those we shall employ if you shall name another place; So we assure you and all Our good Subjects, that (to the best of Our understanding) nothing shall be therein wanting on Our parts, which may advance the True Protestant Religion, Oppose Poperie and Superstition, Secure the Law of the Land (upon which is built as well Our just Prerogative, as the Propriety and Liberty of the Subject) Confirm all just Power & Priviledges of Parliament, and render Us and Our people truly happy by a good Understanding betwixt Us and Our two Houses

of Parliament. Bring With you as firm Resolutions to do your duty, and let all Our good People joyn With Us in Our prayers to Almighty God for his blessing upon this Work.

If this Proposition shall be rejected by you, We have done Our duty so amply, that God will absolve Us from the Guilt of any of that blood which must be spilt, and what opinion soever other Men may have of Our Power, We assure you nothing but Our Christian & Pious care to prevent the Effusion of blood hath begot this Motion, Our Provision of Men, Arms and Money being such as may secure Us from further violence, till it shall please God to open the eyes of Our People.



The Answer of the Lords and Commons to His  
Majesties Message the 25 of *August*. 1642.

*May it please Your Majestie,*



He Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, having received Your Majesties Message of the 25 of *August*, do with much grief resent the dangerous and distracted state of this Kingdom, which we have by all means endeavoured to prevent, both by our severall Advices and Petitions to Your Majesty, which have bin not only without successe, but there hath followed that, which no ill counsell in former times hath produced, or any age hath seen, namely, those severall Proclamations and Declarations against both the Houses of Parliament, whereby their Actions are declared Treasonable, and their Persons Traitors; And thereupon Your Majestie hath set up Your Standard against them, whereby You have put the two Houses of Parliament, and in them this whole Kingdom out of Your Protection; so that untill Your Majestie shall recall those Proclamations and Declarations, whereby the Earl of *Essex* and both Houses of Parliament, and their adherents and assistants, and such as have obeyed and executed their commands and directions, according to their duties, are declared Traitors, or otherwise delinquents; And untill the Standard set up in pursuance of the said Proclamations be taken down, Your Majestie hath put us into such a condition, that whilest we so remain we cannot by the fundamentall priviledges of Parliament; The publike trust reposed in us; or with the generall good and safetie of this Kingdom give Your Majestie any other Answer to this Message.

*Job. Browne Cler. Parliament.*  
*H. Elsinge Cler. Parl. D. Com.*

His Majesties Reply to an Answer sent by the two Houses  
of Parliament to His Majesties Message of the 25 of  
August, concerning a Treatie of Accommodation.

**W**e will not repeat what means we have  
used to prevent the dangerous and di-  
stracted estate of the Kingdom, nor  
how those meanes have been interpre-  
ted, because being desirous to avoid  
effusion of blood we are willing to de-  
cline all memory of former bitterness that might  
make Our offer of a Treatie lesse readily accepted.

We never did Declare, nor ever intended to Declare  
both Our Houses of Parliament Traitors, or set up  
Our Standard against them, and much lesse to put  
them and this Kingdom out of Our Protection: We  
utterly professe against it before God and the world.  
And further to remove all possible Scruples which  
may hinder the Treaty so much desired by us; We  
hereby Promise, so that a day be appointed by you for  
the revoking of your Declarations against all Per-  
sons as Traitors or otherwayes, for assisting of us,  
We shall with all cheerfulness upon the same day re-  
call Our Proclamations and Declarations, and take  
down Our Standard: In which Treaty We shall be  
ready to grant any thing that shall be really for the  
good of Our Subjects; Conjuring you to consider the  
bleeding condition of Ireland, and the dangerous con-  
dition of England, in as high a degree as by these Our  
offers We have declared Our Self to do: And assu-  
ring you that Our chief desire in this world is to be-  
get a good understanding and mutuall confidence be-  
twixt us and Our two Houses of Parliament.



